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SUBJ: CASE REVIEW OF ALL AMERICAN PRISONERS IN MEXICO (LEARY,
WILLIAM MICHAEL)

1. GENERAL: LEARY WAS ARRESTED JUST OUTSIDE OF MONTERREY DURING THE NIGHT OF DEC 29/30 1973. LEARY SAID HE GOT DRUNK ON TEQUILA; REMEMBERS HIRING A MAN TO DRIVE HIM TO LAREDO. HE WOKE UP JUST OUTSIDE OF MONTERREY, BESIDE A CRASHED AUTOMOBILE, WHICH HAD BEEN STOLEN. HE WAS CHARGED WITH THE THEFT OF THE AUTOMOBILE AND DAMAGING PROPERTY. ON AUG 22, 1974 LEARY WAS SENTENCED TO FOUR YEARS IMPRISONMENT AND A 2000 PESO FINE. LEARY CLAIMED HE HAD NO PARENTS AND WAS OUT OF COMMUNICATION WITH HIS FOSTER PARENTS. HE SAID HE HAD NO FUNDS FOR LAWYER BUT, ACCORDING TO LEARY, UNNAMED ATTORNEY FILED AN AMPARO ON HIS BEHALF ON A CONTINGENCY BASIS. CONOFF INTERCEDED IN HIS BEHALF IN AN ATTEMPT TO GET HIM RELEASED ON BAIL SINCE HE WAS NOT A DRUG OFFENDER. ALTHOUGH MEXICAN MAGISTRATES HAVE TRADITIONALLY REFUSED TO GRANT BAIL TO FOREIGNERS, LIC. LAZOS BLANCO OF THE TRIBUNAL UNITARIO DEL 4 CIRCUITO FINALLY SUCCUMBED TO ENTREATIES AND ON AUG 26, 1975 TELEPHONED TO ADVISE CONOFF HE WAS WILLING TO RELEASE LEARY ON A 15,000 PESO BOND (1,200 U.S.). TO DATE, LEARY HAS ONLY BEEN ABLE TO RAISE 500 DLRS, ALTHOUGH HIS PLIGHT HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF HIS FOSTER MOTHER AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES. CONOFF ALSO HAS FURNISHED LEARY WITH BLANKETS AND WARM CLOTHING WHICH HE LACKED.

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2. HEALTH: ON AUG 8, 1975 LEARY REPORTED TO CONOFF HE HAD BEEN

SPITTING BLOOD. CONOFF DISCUSSED WITH PRISON DIRECTOR, WHO BELIEVED LEARY'S THROAT AND NOSE PROBLEMS WERE DUE TO GLUE SNIFFING. HOWEVER, HE ORDERED A SPECIAL EXAMINATION OF LEARY'S THROAT. LEARY RECOVERED AND NOW IN GOOD HEALTH.

3. VISITATIONS: LEARY HAS BEEN VISITED MONTHLY SINCE JAN. 1, 1975.
SUCH VISITS WILL CONTINUE.

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